

## Full Council Meeting Minutes

**November 19, 2024**

Attendees: Jared Barnett (Honor Community Health), Eric Candela (Forgotten Harvest), Leigh Coyle (OCHD), Robin Danto (OCHD), Melissa Gervais (Gleaners), Angela Gill (Lighthouse), Kelly Humes (OC), Jessica Lofton-Williams (Fair Food Network), Kelsey Merz (OCHD), Kristin Olmedo (United Community Family Services), Megan Page (Prescription for Healthy Oakland), Bridget Prohaszka (community resident), Amber Ruple (Lighthouse), Breanna Schroeder (Lighthouse), Alejandra Solorzano (community resident), Chad Techner (Metro Food Rescue), Lindsay TerHaar (OC HHS), Amanda Woods (OC HHS)

Guest: Sarah Himes-Greer, Public Sector Consultants

### Welcome and Introductions

Chad welcomed the group at large. Introductions were made in small breakout rooms to facilitate council members knowing each other better.

### Food Landscape Study Update

Sarah introduced herself and shared Peter has left Public Sector Consultants (PSC) and moved to Michigan Public Health Institute. Sarah has worked on food-related projects in the past. She provided an update on the landscape study, specifically they are moving towards hosting a series of community conversations between now and end of the calendar year. PSC is focusing these sessions specifically in the Health Equity Zones (Hazel Park, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Pontiac, Royal Oak Township, Southfield, Walled Lake, and Wixom), and is seeking OCFPC member support to help identify and/or recruit clients and community members. Sessions can be held virtually or in-person, and incentives are available for those who do participate. Attached to the meeting minutes is a memo with more details about the community engagement sessions. You can email Sarah directly at [shgreer@publicsectorconsultants.com](mailto:shgreer@publicsectorconsultants.com).

### 2025 Brainstorming Sessions:

Amanda and Chad discussed how the landscape study is in the final stages, and wanted to work with council members to identify activities to work on while waiting on priorities from the study. Amanda reviewed past priorities and activities conducted by the Oakland County Food Policy Council. Group members then spent time individually placing potential 2025 activities on a virtual whiteboard. Final board is included in the updated PowerPoint.

### Capacity Survey Review

Chad reported out the results of the member capacity survey. Major highlights are: members would like more actionable tasks, less sharing out during meetings, and they have approximately 2-4 hours/month to dedicate to council activities. See PowerPoint for other survey findings.

### Effort/Impact Strategies From Brainstorming Session

Members used the ideas developed earlier in the meeting within an effort/impact matrix to identify low effort tasks to work on while waiting for the results of the study. See the final results attached in the PowerPoint. Three breakout rooms were created to discuss the priorities listed in the top left quadrant. Below are summaries from each group.

For funding, members (Chad, Lindsay, Breanna) discussed:

- Creating potential opportunities to co-apply for grant funding, building stronger applications and increase potential impact
- Build capacity for grassroots organizations and other non-profit organizations by holding grant writing workshops
- Added bonus: this could foster connections with additional partners and bring new voices to our council

For adding more voices, members (Kelsey, Kelly, Jessica, Alejandra) discussed:

- Start identifying ways to work within existing committees and organizations
- Review OCFPC minutes for the number of organizations that consistently attend meetings and identify organizations that may be missing, and reach out to members who have dropped off

For the Transition-to-Success resource, members (Leigh, Bridget, Amber, Robin, Hanna) discussed:

- Increase networking space and opportunities within the council for individuals/groups to learn about resources that could assist clients and their communities

Amanda and Chad will reconvene regarding these ideas and discuss potential next steps.

Partner Updates: No Updates

### 2025 Housekeeping

**Next meeting: January 21, 2025 will be held in-person at Oakland County Health Division, South Oakland Health Center from 9-10:30 AM.**